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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AMGT, BG
SUBJECT: PCV'S IN BANGLADESH

REFS: A. STATE 257954, B. DACCA 2188

1. POST LAST WEEK DELIVERED MESSAGE (REFTEL A) FROM MARY KING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TO MAMOON-AL-RASHEED OF BANGLADESH VOLUNTEER SERVICE. RASHEED WAS SURPRISED TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE AS HE HAD NOT, HE SAID, COMMUNICATED WITH ACTION FOR MONTHS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF SPECIFIC PROPOSAL ACTION MIGHT NOW HAVE CONCERNING PCVS IN BANGLADESH.

2. THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE PAST YEAR CONCERNING A POSSIBLE ROLE FOR PCVS IN BANGLADESH, BDG OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT PCVS WORKING WITH PRIVATE, ESPECIALLY LOCAL, VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS(PVOS) (REFTEL B). NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF PVOS, INCLUDING, WE ASSUME, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PVOS AND VOLUNTEERS, HAVE BEEN "UNDER STUDY" FOR MANY MONTHS BUT APPARENTLY NOT VERY ACTIVELY AS WE WERE INFORMED ON NOV. 4 IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS WERE BEING ALLOWED TO PROCEED AS BEFORE. JUDGING FROM OUR CURRENT INQUIRIES, THERE IS ALSO UNCERTAINTY (AND PERHAPS RIVALRY) CONCERNING WHICH
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OFFICE (HOME MINISTRY OR PLANNING COMMISSION) WOULD HAVE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM A LOCAL PRIVE OR BDG ORGANIZATION FOR VOLUNTEERS.

3. IN VIEW OF THE INDECISION EVIDENT ON THE BANGLADESH SIDE AND THE LACK OF FOLLOW-UP TO THE MAY VISIT BY JOHN ANDREWS AND TAPAN BANNERJEE, IT APPEARS THAT THE BDG

HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED A UNIFIED POSITION ON PCVS, OR AT
LEAST NOT A FAVORABLE ONE, AND THAT THERE MAY BE OPPOSITION
TO THE IDEA.
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